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SUBJECT: SIXTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TERMINATES MANDATE

1. SIXTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH TOOK OFFICE AFTER 10TH BCP CONGRESS IN 1971, AT CONCLUSION OF SESSION MARCH 9 VOTED TO TERMINATE ITS MANDATE MAY 29, 1976. MANDATE OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE EXPIRED JUNE 27. REASON GIVEN WAS THAT CONSTITUTION CALLS FOR NEW ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NO LATER THAN TWO MONTHS AFTER EXPIRATION OF MANDATE WHICH WOULD HAVE PLACED ELECTION IN JULY OR AUGUST DURING HEIGHT OF AGRICULTURAL SEASON. ELECTION WILL NOW TAKE PLACE "END OF MAY".

2. MANDATES OF PEOPLE'S COUNCILS (OTHERWISE EXPIRING JULY 13, 1976) AND OF MAGISTRATES AND ASSESSORS OF REGIONAL COURTS (JUNE 27, 1976) AND DISTRICT COURTS (1979) WERE ALSO TERMINATED AS OF MAY 29, WITH ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT SAME TIME AS FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THESE CHANGES ARE APPARENTLY IN CONFORMANCE WITH AMENDMENT TO ELECTION LAW PASSED MARCH 9.

3. BILLS TO REGULATE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF COURTS AND INCREASING FINES FOR MINOR THEFTS FROM FARMS WERE ALSO PASSED AS WAS "DECLARATION" CONDEMNING "FASCIST JUNTA" IN CHILE.

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4. COMMENT: MANDATE CHANGES AND ELECTION DATE APPEAR TO BE

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NOTHING MORE THAN TIDILY WRAPPING EVERYTHING UP IN WAKE OF THE FORTHCOMING PARTY CONGRESS. DECLARATION ON CHILE SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR CHILEAN REGIME THAT MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS DEROGATORY TOWARD US.
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